(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese consortium proposes to develop the international container trans-shipment terminal at Vizhinjam in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the time-frame within which it would become functional;

(d) whether such kind of terminal is also proposed to be developed on the Orissa coast to improve the economy of this backward region; and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Ports other than major ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments in whom the responsibility for development of these ports vests. Thus responsibility for development of Vizhinjam, a minor port, as international transhipment container terminal, vests with the State Government of Kerala. State Government of Kerala have informed that they intend to develop Vizhinjam as deep water container port through Public Private partnership mode with post construction license period of 30 years. The project would be implemented in three phases at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,423 crores.

The project is proposed to be taken up by Government of Kerala by following international competitive bidding. Consortium of following Chinese and Indian Companies emerged as the preferred bidder for implementation of the project:

(i) Kaidi Electric Power Company Limited, China (Lead Member).

(ii) China Harbour Engineering Company (Group) 2nd Engineering Institute, China.

(iii) Zoom Developer (Pvt.) Limited, Mumbai.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal at present.

Introduction of ferry service in Mumbai

†2805. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a ferry service in the sea

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in order to provide a relief to the citizens of Mumbai from the routine problems being faced by them due to the population and limited road arrangements in the city;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for introducing ferry service in the sea; and

(c) when this proposal was submitted and the decision taken or propose to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems due to land acquisition at Kundali-Palwal Expressway

2806. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquisition has created problems for the 270 kls. Kundali-Palwal Expressway connecting NH1, 2, 8, 10 and 71 B conceived more than three years ago as the project requires some of the most expensive real estate to be acquired in the entire region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to sort out the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of by-passes in Jaipur

†2807. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to congestion of traffic on the National Highway by-passes are required all around the Jaipur city;

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